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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 169850

1. ON AUGUST 28, WE PRESENTED COPIES OF THE NOTE IN
THE REFTEL TO HANNAY, SOAMES'S CHEF DE CABINET, AND
TO JENSEN, THE MOST SENIOR OFFICER AVAILABLE IN GUNDE-
LACH'S CABINET. HANNAY EXPECTS TO SEE SOAMES ON
AUGUST 29 AND WILL ADVISE HIM OF THE U.S. APPROACHES

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ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. GUNDELACH WILL BE BACK IN BRUSSELS
NEXT WEEK, AND WE HAVE REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT TO BRIEF

HIM PERSONALLY.

2. HANNAY'S ONLY IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS TO RECOGNIZE THE REASONS THAT HAVE PROMPTED THE US DEMARCHES BUT TO EXPRESS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE FRENCH REACTION. IN PARTICULAR, HE FEARED THAT THE US POSITION ON GRAINS (PARA 4F OF THE REFTL) MIGHT PROVOKE A STRONG FRENCH REACTION THAT COULD UNSETTLE THE "DELICATE" APPROACH THAT SOAMES AND THE COMMISSIONARE TRYING TO TAKE. THIS APPROACH WOULD, IN EFFECT, PERMIT THE US AND THE EC TO DISAGREE ON WHETHER OR NOT A DEBT IS OWED ON GRAINS IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 CONTEXT. SOAMES' HOPE WOULD BE THAT A SATISFACTORY GRAINS ARRANGEMENT IN THE MTN WOULD MAKE THE QUESTION OF CARRY-OVER RIGHTS ACADEMIC. (SEE EC BRUSSELS 4226.)

3. BEYOND THE QUESTION OF GRAINS PER SE, HANNAY THINKS THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT SEIZE ON THE US INSISTENCE ON CARRY-OVER RIGHTS TO REFUSE TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 OFFER ON THE OTHER ITEMS. WE POINTED OUT TO HANNAY THAT, WHATEVER THE FRENCH REACTION MIGHT BE, THE US POSITION IS BOTH REASONABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN OUR TRADE INTEREST IN THE GRAINS QUESTION AND THE HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THIS SUBJECT. HARTMAN

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